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## **VIA ECF**

Honorable Leda Dunn Wettre, U.S.M.J. Martin Luther King Building & U.S. Courthouse 50 Walnut Street Newark, NJ 07101

Re: Days Inns Worldwide, Inc. v. Briggs Highway Advisors, IA, LLC, et al.

Civil Action No.: 2:23-cv-20365-MCA-LDW

Our File: DIW 13109

Dear Judge Wettre:

This firm represents plaintiff, Days Inns Worldwide, Inc. ("DIW"), with regard to the above-referenced matter. Pursuant to Your Honor's Amended Scheduling Order, please allow this letter to serve as an update to the Court prior to the status conference on December 18<sup>th</sup>. The parties participated in an in-person mediation before the Honorable Judge Dickson (ret) on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Unfortunately, the mediation was not successful. As such, DIW will be seeking to depose defendant Jonathan Malinas, in both his individual and corporate capacity, on December 30<sup>th</sup> or 31<sup>st</sup>. In the event that Mr. Malinas is not available on those dates, we intend to ask the Court for a brief extension of the discovery end date, which is currently December 31<sup>st</sup>, to complete Mr. Malinas's deposition.

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We thank Your Honor for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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